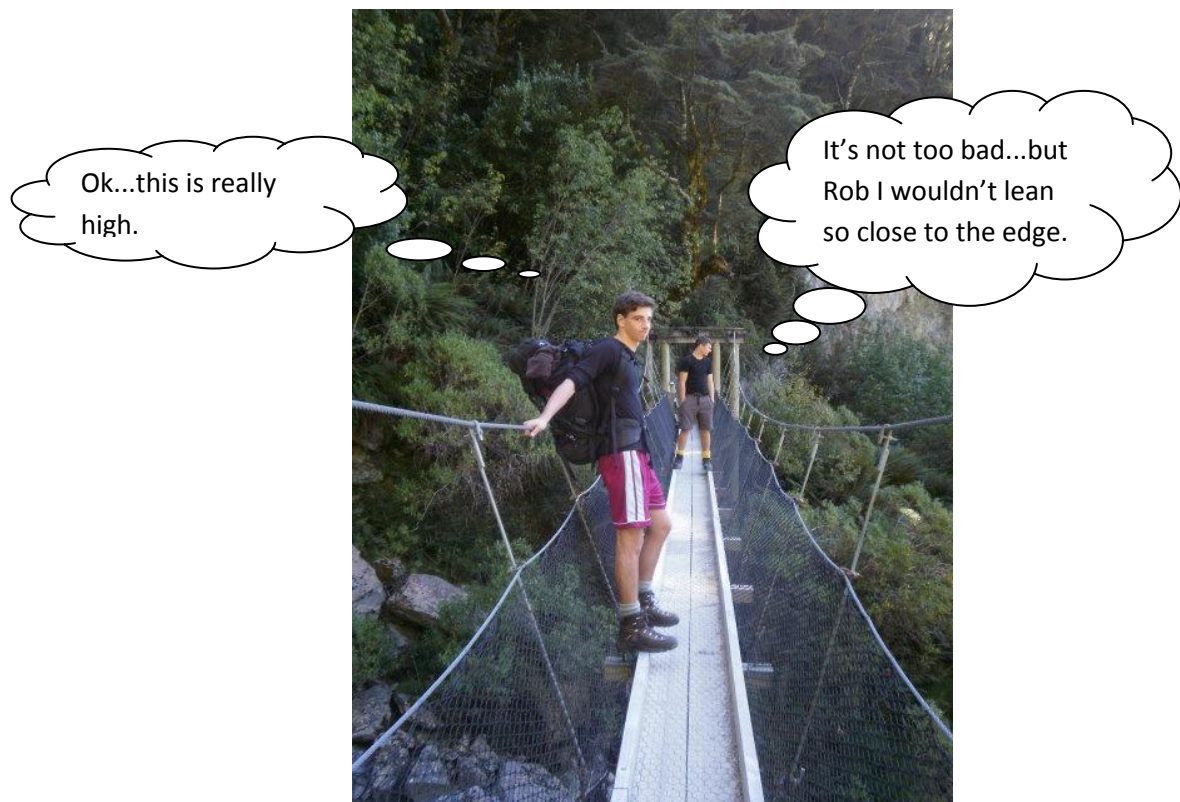


## Textual Analysis Activity: Using the same textual examples to prove different things.

Look at the picture of William and Rob below. Just like people can have two different reactions to a situation, so to can you extract different interpretations from a text.



Making reference to the quotation in the middle column suggest a **different** interpretation than the one given in the left column about what *Commander Lowell* may mean.

Interpretation	Quotation/Analysis	Your Interpretation
Re-enforces his satire of the pretensions of upper class Bostonian society including his own family.	Lowell's use conversational style, listing of trivial details and rhyme scheme.	
Praises father only begrudgingly	Reflections on his father 'once successful enough to be lost /in a mob of ruling class Bostonians'	

Interpretation	Quotation/Analysis	Your Interpretation
Presents his father as a pompous and ineffectual man.	"he showed up on the golf course/wearing a blue serge jacket and numbly cut white ducks"	
Mother and son do not fare any better. The detailed and evocative verbs again clearly convey the common experience of a dysfunctional family	'bristling and manic/skulked in the attic,' while she 'a victim of hysterical unmarried panic' was 'still her father's daughter'.	
Not to fit in with the country club set, who incongruously regard golf as the game of professionals, and not to be one of the yachting crowd, who ludicrously see themselves as "seadogs" on Sunday, are almost laudable characteristics.	'took four shots with his putter to sink his putt./'Bob', they said, 'golf's a game you really ought to know how to play,/if you play at all.'	

**Now you choose a quote and give two alternate readings**

Interpretation	Quotation/Analysis	Your Interpretation

